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FOR: Motorized Vacuum/Pressure Pump and)
Stopper)

**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
[37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)] - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am the owner of and am empowered to act on behalf of the following named small business concern:

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I hereby declare that the above mentioned small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled **MOTORIZED VACUUM/PRESSURE PUMP AND STOPPER**, by Anthony R. Lemme and Chester M. Fudge, as described in Specification filed herewith.

If the rights held by the above mentioned small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). Separate verified statements from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities are submitted herewith (37 CFR 1.27).

Full Name and Address

NONE

Small Entity Status

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Date